

THE PALATKA NEWS

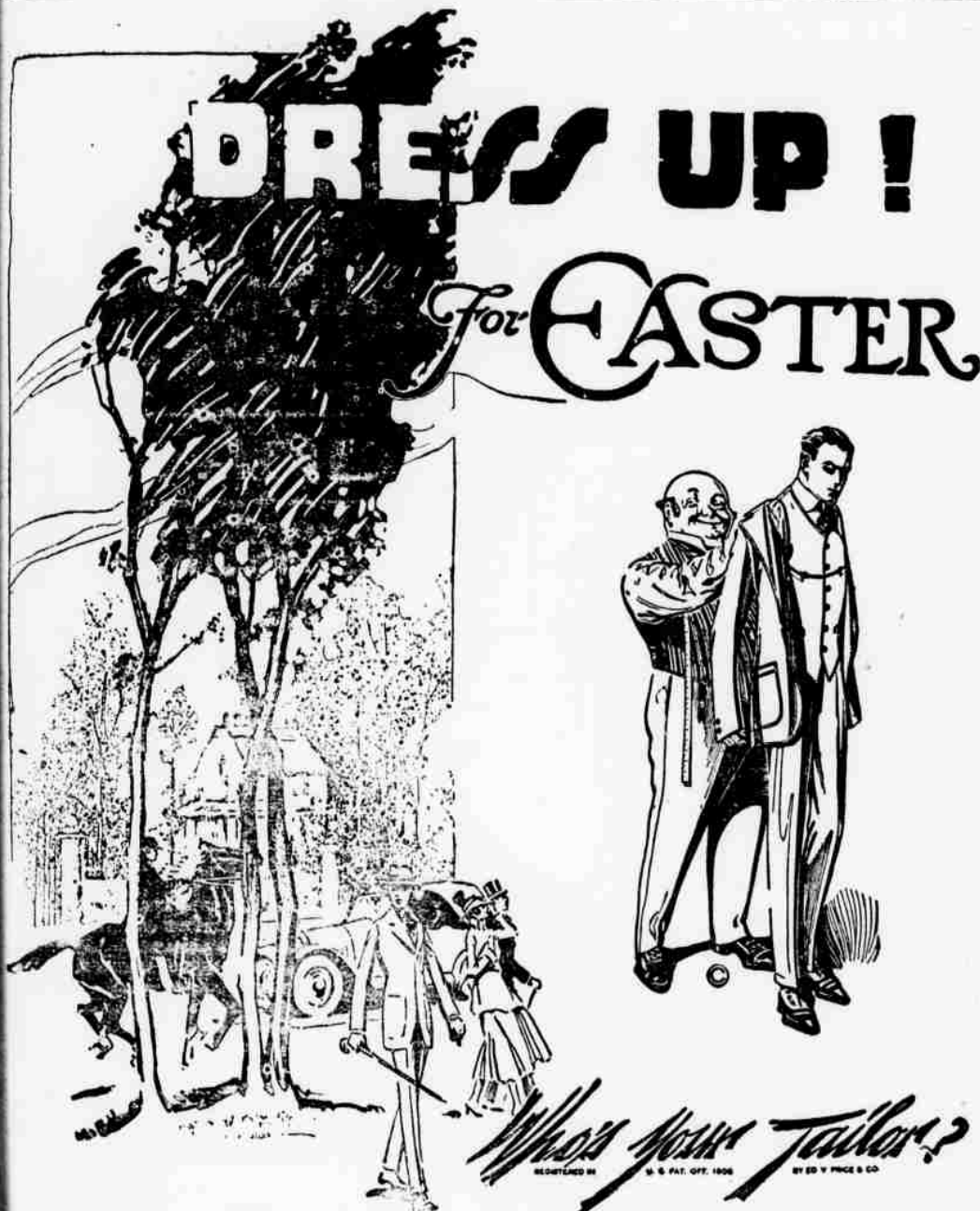
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CLEAN-UP PROCLAMATION.

By the Mayor.

At the request of the Woman's Club, that Palatka join in the State-wide Clean-Up Campaign, and that a week be designated as "Clean-Up Week," I hereby proclaim the week beginning April 17th, to the 23rd, as "Clean-Up Week," and ask the co-operation of every one in making Palatka the most attractive city in the State.
W. P. MERRIAM, Mayor.
Palatka, April 13th, 1916.

Crop Cereals. Buckwheat, plain and prepared; wheat flour, yellow meal, flour, rolled oats in bulk and other cereals, cream and other cereals fresh times. Quality and Quantity.
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PALATKA AND BOSTWICK DISTRICT ROAD BONDS

Bring Fine Price—Fifteen Bids Received for Former.

The \$208,000 Issue of the Palatka Road District Sell for 99.07 and Accrued Interest.

The bonds of the Palatka-East Palatka-San-Mateo-Federal Point special tax road district, of which an issue of \$208,000 was recently voted by such an overwhelming majority, were sold on Wednesday to Cummings, Prudden & Co., of Toledo, Ohio, that firm being the highest bidder at \$206,068, or 99.07 with accrued interest. This accrued interest means that the county will not pay the interest from the date of the issue, March 1st, to about April 20th, when the Toledo people will turn over the money and take up the bonds. This makes the bonds bring to the district \$207,512.

Mr. A. B. Morrison Jr., who represented the successful bidders, was seen, and seemed quite pleased with his success in outbidding his many competitors.

"With one exception," said he, "these bonds have brought the best basis price of any district road bonds yet sold in Florida, and for that reason you people have every reason to feel proud of the rating placed upon your district securities. Palatka is a live place, an all-the-year 'round town in the midst of a coming great agricultural section, whose advantages are being noised abroad in such manner as to bring a great number of permanent settlers. Palatka is regarded as one of the best cities in Florida."

"District road bonds," continued Mr. Morrison, "are not as much sought as county bonds. The county is a recognized governmental division, while the district is an artificial division which only continues during the life of the bonds, unless the indebtedness is assumed by the county."

"The Bostwick drainage bonds were not sought because of the comparatively low assessment on the property embraced in the district. Their road bonds were different—the road district has a heavy assessed valuation in comparison with the bonds issued."

Mr. Morrison is a typical young American financier, and a gentleman of winning personality. He expects to be in Palatka later, when it is more than likely his firm will make a bid on the bonds of the Palatka-Rodman-Orange Springs district.

The Bostwick Road district bonds, issue of \$25,000, sold to W. L. Slayton, also of Toledo, for \$25,180, as will be seen a little above par.

The only local bank to bid on the Palatka road district bonds was the State Bank of Palatka, which made through its president, F. J. Fearnside, a bid of \$204,110. This was a bid of 98, and while not successful, it is a fact that the representatives of foreign bond buyers here assembled were watching the local banks, thinking that they would secure the issues. This bank assisted in at least giving that impression and thereby assisted to boost the price.

The Putnam National and the East Florida Savings & Trust Co., while not bidders, were figuring with the real bidders and also were interested in the sale.

The following is the list of bidders together with the representative of the firms and the bids:

Bostwick Road District.

F. L. Fuller & Co., Cleveland, O., \$23,875.
W. L. Slayton, Toledo, \$25,180.
New First National Bank, Columbus, Ohio, \$23,750.
Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Toledo, par with accrued interest.
Cummings, Prudden & Co., Toledo, A. B. Morrison, Jr., \$24,508.
Terry, Briggs & Co., Toledo, H. G. Bartlett, \$23,850.
Gunter & Sawyer, Jacksonville, \$24,275.
U. S. Trust & Savings Bank, Jacksonville, Geo. Washington Booker, \$24,451.
Sidney Spitzer & Co., Toledo, \$24,426.

Palatka Road District.

Terry, Briggs & Co., Toledo, \$204,197.
Gunter & Sawyer, Jacksonville, \$204,780.
New First National Bank, Columbus, O., \$197,600.
State Bank of Palatka, F. J. Fearnside, \$204,110.
Sidney Spitzer & Co., Toledo, \$200,136.80.
Spitzer, Rorick & Co., Toledo, par with accrued interest to date of payment.
Kauffman-Smith-Emert Co., St. Louis, Mo., by Moses Isaacs, \$204,380.
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati, Ohio by James D. Chambers, \$202,955.
F. L. Fuller & Co., Cleveland Ohio, \$200,100.
J. C. Mayers & Co., Cincinnati, Ohio, \$204,166.
Cummings, Prudden & Co., Toledo, A. B. Morrison, Jr., \$206,068, with accrued interest to date of payment.
C. W. McNear & Co., Chicago, Mr. Guy Doty, \$202,613.
John Neween & Co., Chicago, \$197,600.
Security Savings Bank & Trust Co., Toledo, Oscar Moseland, \$201,110.
U. S. Trust & Security Bank, Jacksonville, \$205,672.

On the whole the road districts interested in the transactions here represented have every reason to feel

Practical Economy

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EX-GOV. PATTERSON TALKS PROHIBITION

In Behalf of the National W de Campaign Now Being Waged.

Ex-Governor Malcolm R. Patterson of Tennessee, also at one time a member of congress from that State, delivered an eloquent and forceful address on National Prohibition before a great crowd at the Putnam county court house on Wednesday evening.

The distinguished speaker was introduced to the audience by Hon. W. P. Merriam, mayor of Palatka, in a few appropriate remarks, and as he stepped to the front was greeted with hearty applause.

Gov. Patterson was not always a prohibitionist; on the contrary as Governor of Tennessee and some time after his retirement he was a strenuous opponent to prohibition, though even then he was given credit for being an honest opponent. Since his conversion he has been even more active in his advocacy of the utter outlawry of the liquor traffic. "And," said the ex-Governor, "I am finding a heap more satisfaction in this fight for liquor extermination than I ever had in its defense."

Gov. Patterson's address was listened to with the closest attention by the large audience, and could not be other than deeply gratified by his reception in Palatka.

The Wright Case on Trial.

The case of the State of Florida vs. T. J. Wright of San Mateo, charged with the murder of the Turners, father and son, at San Mateo last summer, and for which a change of venue was granted by the Circuit Judge at St. Augustine, will go on trial today at Green Cove Springs. Hon. S. J. Hilburn will defend Wright, and the State will be represented by some of the ablest prosecutors in the State. A large number of witnesses will attend the trial from this county.

School Trustees Elected.

The Palatka special tax school district held an election for trustees on Tuesday and to fix the levy for the ensuing year. There was no contest, though in one or two wards of the city an effort was made and was successful in defeating the men who sought the places. The trustees elected are: S. S. Browning, 127; E. M. Earnest 114; J. H. Houghton 109. The levy was fixed at three mills.

Six other districts in the county held elections for the same purpose that day, viz: Welaka, Crescent City, San Mateo, Pomona, Peniel and Florahome. One or two conflicting reports have reached us concerning the outcome of one or two of these district elections, so that The News will await the final count of the vote next Tuesday, when they will be published.

Strawberry Meeting Postponed.

G. N. Hall of Bannerville, who has been prominent in arranging for the meeting of farmers at Bardin to discuss the feasibility of planting a large acreage to strawberries in that section, was in the city this week, and stated that he had recently received word from Mr. Waldrup, the agricultural field agent of the G. S. & F. R'y, asking that the Bardin meeting be postponed from the 3d of May to the 10th. Mr. Hall explained that Mr. Waldrup could bring a number of others familiar with strawberry culture on the latter date who could not arrange to come on the 3d.

Mr. Hall also suggested that the day be made a regular basket picnic occasion, a time when the farmers could get together and discuss the subject of strawberry acreage, enjoy a visit, and that possible a number of the county candidates would be present to help make the occasion interesting.

STATE ELKS HONOR PROMINENT PALATKAN

H. F. Lecks was Elected Secretary of State Convention.

Palatkans generally will appreciate the honor bestowed on their fellow townsman, Herman F. Lecks, by the State Convention of the B. P. O. Elks, which has just closed at Jacksonville.

Mr. Lecks is a typical Elk; fat, round, jolly and benevolent. He is one of Palatka's most progressive and honored citizens, as witness his recent unanimous election as president of the board of trade. In thus honoring Mr. Lecks, the order has honored itself and incidentally pleased the people of this city.

Forrest Lake, candidate for Congress and a resident of Sanford, was elected president; Abe Maas of Tampa, first vice president; T. W. Hancy of Jacksonville, second vice president; W. L. Bates of Key West, treasurer; James Douglas of Jacksonville, chaplain, and W. W. Rose of Orlando, sergeant-at-arms. The executive committee is made up as follows: A. M. Taylor, St. Augustine; H. E. Snow of Tampa; and M. F. Hetherington of Lakeland.

Orlando was selected as the place for the meeting of the 1917 State Convention.

School Entertainment.

The entertainment which the primary grades had prepared for last Friday afternoon on the court house lawn and which had to be postponed on account of inclement weather, much to the disappointment of the children and the public, will be given this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, and it is hoped the public will not miss this opportunity of seeing this charming entertainment and contributing generously toward the fund which is being raised for the purchase of a piano for use in the primary grades.

G. Johnson Tucker Announces.

G. Johnson Tucker, one of the best and most highly regarded citizens of Georgetown, has sent us his announcement this week as a candidate for county commissioner from the First District. The same appears in this paper.

Mr. Johnson is an old citizen of the district he seeks to represent and is connected with some of the best families. He is a man who has the undoubted respect of his neighbors and the people of the entire peninsula, and his entrance means that the race between himself and Mr. Alvers will be a lively one.

The section where Mr. Tucker resides has long wanted to have a representative on the county board who lives in that neighborhood, and efforts have been made within the past two or three weeks to bring out other men who are prominent, but without avail until Mr. Tucker finally consented.

Elliott Buys Grocery Business.

E. W. Elliott, for a year past the efficient secretary of the Palatka board of trade, on Saturday last concluded the purchase of the Economy Grocery store on Lemon street of Mr. J. T. Ashby, who had demonstrated his ability to run a store of that character in a highly efficient manner, and who had secured a large and increasing business. Mr. Elliott took immediate possession.

Mr. Elliott is a business man and should make a great success of his new business, as he undoubtedly will. During his year or more in the city he has made a name for himself as a hustler and mixer, and these qualities will prove invaluable to him in his business. The store will be kept up to its former state of efficiency, and only fresh, high-class goods will be dispensed.

Mr. Ashby says he does not contemplate leaving the city, but just what his intentions are in regard to his future business operations, he did not say.